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To whom it may concern:

This letter is written in defense of Microsoft in it's current anti-trust case. Below I will briefly outline the reasons for my support, and hopefully provide a sound basis for why anti-trust laws as such should be done away with.

I use Microsoft in nearly every application of computing. I use Microsoft Windows(r) XP(tm) for my operating system, I prefer Microsoft Internet Explorer(tm) to other web browsers, I connect to the Internet using MSN(r), and I develop applications using Microsoft's Visual Studio(tm) software. All of these programs offer enormous benefits over their competitors because they are made to work together, besides the fact that they are developed by some of the brightest minds in the software and hardware industry. Where would the home office be without Microsoft Office(tm)? Microsoft has led the way in productivity software, including more and more innovative features into every subsequent release. What other operating system allows as much universality as XP? I couldn't tell you.

Microsoft is not "exploiting defenseless victims." They are simply offering software that can be a tremendous benefit to any individual who chooses to buy it. "Bundling" products such as IE doesn't cause "serious problem concerning competition," unless you consider a companies benevolent policy of giving away some of it's best software for free is a "problem." I actually wish more Microsoft software would be bundled with Windows, so that the software could be more tightly integrated to the core functioning of the operating system, allowing more features like drag-and-drop CD burning to come into existence. If I become dissatisfied with Microsoft's products, I will look to the market for more choices, which there will always be as long as capital is free to flow. And if an extremely large company starts trying to produce products of a lower quality, capital, not government intervention, is what will fix the problem best.

By the nature of this case, I am quite suprised actually at the incessant call to "protect the consumers," when, this case was not brought on by consumers at all, but by unsuccessful competitors envious of Microsoft's success. Pandering to envy is not the purpose of a court of law, especially not in a free country. Any judgement handed down should call not Microsoft, but the instigators of the trials, to pay fines. It is Sun, Apple, and Netscape who should pay for the cost of the legal preceedings and it is they who should pay retribution to Microsoft for the incalculable damage done to both it's reputation and it's stock.

But that is not the important factor. Hours could be spent discussing the objective value of Microsoft's software, the alleged harm bundling has done to competition, or even an important issue like the very Constitutionality of anti-trust laws. But what is important is: Does Microsoft have the right to control it's own property? If in this land there is still an inalienable right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of hapiness," then how can anyone - especially a Justice charged with protecting those rights - attempt to call the law down on an organization that promotes exactly that? Man must still live by his mind, and therefore must have right to the product of his mind in order to survive. Man is still a being of spectacular power, but that power lies within his mind. And in sight of this call by the highest legal authority of these United States of America, the nation based on the principle of individual rights, I must quote a most appropriate quote from Thomas Jefferson, "I swear...eternal hostility to every form of tyranny over the minds of man." In respect of the very person of whom I just quoted, and in honor of the principles in which he helped erect in this country to allow men, such as those who run and own Microsfot, to pursue their own happiness and achieve their own lives, I ask you to throw down any considerati

on of fining Microsoft in any way for the name of this mockery of the very principle of justice that you call anti-trust.

Sincerely, and to the best within us all,

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